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Bill Gossette's Sad Experience from Eating Fried Oysters.

CHANGE NOT ALWAYS GOOD.

The Toothsome Bivalve Too Rich for His Blood-His Old Gray Mare Introduces a New Galt Into He

"The Codars." Midlothian, Va., March 27, 1806. our Mr. Editor: Solomon or Shakese, or Bill Nye, or some one, has said world was made various that the sultory man, studious of change with novelty, might be satange is a pretty good sort of isn't more than the price of a er a pound of butter, and often fellow from the inconvenience ment of waiting to be askod more change last week what to do with, or cared was a change from country and battercakes to city-made s, and I freely confess the wagon, and I took with coons, etc., a bag of old is (1931 hatch); also, the two
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When I got home the old cook said it ot-water bag filled. Then Dr. ne and looked wise and looked about secking change. I un-tell about the remedies used, semery and breath both failed d. old fel, you are lucky to be oth the M. D., as he jobbed a both my arm, and with the assist-

ving on the farm, become all-ors. A cow gets a horn twisted diin't work, that we had better er. I got a pound of Spanish files, the influence of Bob Wood and the Minister, and the blister was but to no good. Everybody who see me suggested a different until I felt satisfied that no horse mud for awhile, and now she is all again. The same old humorous kie has returned to her eye, and with ted tail she takes me over the Cheschillan roads in a way I endorse most

For fun pure and simple, thorough for fun pure and simple, thorough good atore, and full appreciation of humor, is Irishman stands easily at the head I the list, and the man who has for his limit a son of old Ireland is indeed a ortunate individual. I have an Irish tortunate individual. I have an Irish friend, and I have never seen a person who enjoys a joke more than he, and it doesn't make a cent's worth of difference with him whether the laugh is on himself or some one clee. He is as chock full of fan and little humorettes as Polk Miller of hegro anecdotes, and whenever you see him he is telling something funny to an

MONDAY'S MARVELLOUS BARGAINS! SPECIAL SALES ALL OVER THE HOUSE!

POSITIVELY THE GREATEST ARRAY OF BARGAINS EVER OFFERED RICHMOND BUYERS!

Easter sale of Parasols! Special sale of Easter Candy! Brilliant Basement Bargains! Gloves, Hosiery Handkerchiefs, Dress Goods, Notions, Men's Furnishings! Extraordinary sale on second floor!

Extraordinary Easter Sale New Parasols!

Grand Assortment! Beautful and Rare Silks! Dresden Colorings! Persian Effects! Plain White Silks! Plain Black Silks! Beautiful Handles! Carefully Made!

Lowest Possible Prices!

butter, a bundle of skins of Plain White China Silk, white rib and tassel, white stick to match; also a full

traordinary large assortment in this particular grade, consisting of All-Black Gros-Grain, Black China Silk, two and three ruffles, black stick and tassel; All-White China Silk, with double ruffle, white stick and tassel; Plain White China Silk, natural stick and tassel; Fancy White China Silk, Dresden ball, white ribs and tassel; also changeable Taffeta Silk of Gold and Brown, Electric Blue and Gold, hair-line stripes, combination checks of Black, Blue, and White, Brown and White, Black and White. Large

All-White China Silk Parasol, White stick, White ribbed, three ruffle and tas-

All-White China Silk Parasol, White stick, White Fibbed, three Fibbed, Edward Ball and hook handle.

Plain White China Silk Parasol, white stick, Dresden ball handle, white ribbed, with nine-inch deep Chiffon ruffle, gathered puff of chiffon on top; also in plain black, made up in same style, very choice.

Large variety in changeable Taffeta Silk Parasols, with fancy Dresden border, white ribbed, natural handles, tassel to match. Price.

3.00

White China Silk Parasol, double ruffle of white chiffon, white ribbed and stick, also Dresden ball handle, silk tassel to match, gathered puff on top, \$3.50 each made of White chiffon, a beauty.

New and nobby, White top with colored floral designs of stripes, gathered puff of chiffon, deep, double ruffle of white chiffon, silk tassel; also fancy printed-warp taffeta, silk top, and plain Black China Silk with deep double ruffle of white and black chiffon. Price

Easter Sale of Candies.

All pure, all fresh, all deliciously sweet. No such candy selling in Richmond! We buy by the ton! We sell by the pound!

Peanut and Cocoanut Brittle, 10c. a Walnut Buttercups, assorted, 20c. a

EASTER-EGGS. Chocolate-Coated Cocoanut-Cream Eggs,

Assorted Pure Cream Cocoanut-Eggs, large size, 30c. a dozen Chocolate-Coated Cocoanut-Cream Eggs,

large size, 30c. a dozen. Decorated Chocolate Cocoanut-Cream Decorated Cream Cocoanut-Eggs,

Bird-Eggs, 15c. a pound. The regular 60 and 80c. Bonbons, Cara-

**COLORED GOODS.

27-inch New Mohair Effects, checks, stripes, and figures, neat and dressy; 12 1-2c, the yard.

36-inch All-Wool Spring Novelties, neat, desirable, checks and stripes, in light colorings, 25c, the yard.

28-inch Raw Silk and Wool Novelties, in very dressy imported effects, 39c, the yard.

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40-inch Fine All-Wool Cassimere, stripes and mixtures, 60c, the yard.

46-inch Beautifully-Woven, Smooth, Even-Surface Novetles, in very rich Dreaden colorings, positively worth 75c.; price here 50c, the yard.

45-inch Very Handsome Fancy Silk and Wool Boucle Novelties, in all the new spring colorings, 75c, the yard.

35-inch Beautifully-Combined Silk and Wool Imported Stuffs, exquisite colorings, 31 the yard.

MEN'S FURNISHINGS.

Men's Hose, Hermsdorf dye, spliced cels and toes, full line of sizes, 10c. a nir; the 15c. grade. air; the 15c. srade. Men's Stainless-Dye Tan Hose, color maranteed fast, all the new Mode shades, louble heels and toes, 19c. a pair; geneally sold 2 pairs for 25c. Men's Fast-Black Hose, Hermsdorf dye, louble heels and toes, real Maco cotton, mported, 2 pairs for 25c.; regularsy I7c., pair.

imported, 2 pairs for 2cc.; regularly 1.c. a pair. Mon's New Silk Tubular Club Ties, and thely-pen-cilled checks, 1rc. each; worth at least

width, beautiful plaids, figures, and a colors, 16c. each, ys' Madras and Percale Weists, ted front and back, well-made, sizes 14, 25c. each, wis Laundered Percale Inserted-m Shirts, carefully made, fast colors, each

Hosom Shirts, carefully made, fast colors, 50c, each. Men's Specially-Good Suspenders, patent attachments, clastic ends, made for ser-vice, 13 1-2c, a pair. WASH GOODS.

36-inch Percale, stripes and figures, fast colors, 6 1-tc. the yard. Fine Agra Linen, Red, Green, Blue, and Black stripes on linen grounds, 18c. the Black stripes on linen grounds, lec. the 30-lach Fine Amazon Lawn, exquisite Persian designs and colorings, very fine cloth, loc. the yard.

40-lach Printed Marsalia, light Dresden and Persian effects, for street or evening wear, 12 1-2c, the yard.

Very Fine Tulle Chatelaine, rich lace stripes, with highly-colored Dresden figures, 12 1-2c, the yard.

Light and Airy Chantilly Lace Gauge, beautiful lace effects, with dainty evening colorings, Dresden designs, 16c, the yard.

Exquisite Organdle Suisse, with daintily-pretty floral designs in light colorings, Ire, the yard.

NOTIONS.

Black Velvet Binding, 2c. a yard.
Hair-Curiers, 3c. each,
Fancy Garter-Elastic, 3c. a yard.
Beveiled Place-Glass Mirrors, 10c. each,
Fancy Metal Puff-Boxes, 12 1-2c.
Combination Tan Polish, 10c. a bottle.
Mucliage, 3c. a bottle.
Olive Castille Soap, 3c. a cake,
6-inch Horn-Combs, 3c. each.
8-inch Enamelled Shoe-Hooke, 3c. each.
60od Shaving-Brushes, 5c.
8-inch Rubber Dressing-Combs, 3c. each.
125 Assorted Black and White Pins, 3c.
(in fancy book).
Invisible Hair-Pins, 2 papers for 1c.
Steel-Point Hair-Pins, 1c. a paper.
100 Assorted Hair-Pins, in box, 3c.

SPECIAL SALE SECOND FLOOR.

UMBRELLAS.

Extraordinarily good values given in our Umbrella Department in 25-inch Plain Black Gloria and Twill Silk Paragon-Frame and tasset, Dresden ball, natural and horn handles, good value at \$1.29; your pick this week at bargain price, 32 each.

Another special offering in Umbrellas: All our \$1.69 and \$1.75 Quality Silk Gloria, paragon frame, natural wood, Dresden ball, and horn handles, at \$1.50 each.

STAMPED LINENS.

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300 Choice Tinted 4-4 Table-Covers, very choice patterns, with fringe all round, good value at 39c.; your pick at bargain

proce 25c.
Stamped Linen and Picture-Frame, very pretty, stamping of wild rosss, forget-menots, buttercups, jewel holly, and many more designs, complete, for 25c.
Heavy Braided Applique Scarfs, 18x36, choice designs, entirely new, good value at 98c.; your pick at bargain price, 69c. each. MUSLIN UNDERWEAR.

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Ladles' Muslin Drawers, made of good, heavy muslin, two tucks, ruffle edged with lace; good 50c, value; your pick at bargain price, at 25c, each.

Extra value in Ladles' Gowns, made of heavy muslin, extra-long, full width, double-yoke back, tucked, and inserting, full sleeves, ruffle around neck, sleeve, and yoke; good 75c, value; your choice at bargain price, 50c, each.

LADIES' UNDERSKIRTS. Fine quality of Black Sateen, 41 inches long, 2 1-3 yards wide, with 6-inch ruffle, good value at Sc.; they go at 50c, each.
Extra-Fine Quality Black Sateen, 42 inches long, 2 3-4 yards wide, deep double ruffle, nicely finished—a bargain—1 each.
Good Quality in Black Moreen Skirts, 42 inches long, 2 1-2 yards wide, 9-inch ruffle, velveteen piping, \$2.

TABLE OIL-CLOTH. Our entire stock of 5-4 Table Oil-Cloth, consisting of Plain White, Blue, and Black, Vein-Marble, fancy Light-Blue, Black, and White check, fancy stripes, and figures or dark and light—the complete assortment of regular 25c, value—for this week only 12 1-2c, a yard.

Clearance Sale in Basement!

Odd Lots of Fine Fine French, Austrian, and Carlsbad China!

Pin-Trays, Stamp-Boxes, Bonbon Dishes, Dinner-, Tea-, and Dessert-Plates, Cream Jugs, Covered Vegetable Dishes, After-Din-ner Coffees, Salad Dishes, Bread Plates, Cake Plates, etc.. etc.

All at Reduced Prices! Many at Half Price!

Austrian China After-Dinner Coffees, elegant decorations. Former price 19c.

...15c. set 25c.1214c. ...2c. each ...4c. each

One lot Chamois Skins. One lot Chamois Skins.

40-inch Heavy Storm Serge, splendid ye, specially good for skirts, 25c. the

the yard.

38-inch Figured Pure Mohair, rich, lustrous Black, extra-good quality, equal to any 65c. Mohair in the city, 50c, the yard.

55-inch Fine All-Wool French Serge, carefully woven, evenly-twisted threads, rich shade of Black, 50c, the yard.

48-inch Rich, Crinkly Crepon, very nobby, beautiful Black, 75c, the yard; regularly \$1.

LADIES' HANDKERCHIEFS.

A new lot of 3,000 Handkerchiefs, hem-stitched, drawn-work, 'scalloped, em-broidered, and lace edge, plain White and mourning effects, the kind usually sold for 17c.; on sale to-morrow at 12 1-2c. each.

The "Champion," made of carefully-cured skins, in the swell Butter effects, with heavy Black stitching, 4 large pearl buttons, very dressy and stylish, epecially imported by us for our Easter trade, It the pair. Fitted at counter by experienced fitters.

MILLER & RHOADS, 509, 511, 513 east Broad Street, The 20th Century Department Store

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bul he is not so struck on this aurora-borealis tint, because every 'ntoxicated man who passes his place of business stops and greets him in the most friendly manner. He says a fellow staggered up to him one day last week, and as he fell upon his neck remarked, "Misth-hic-Misther, thwat is-hic-thwat is yer name?" "Mandersree," replied Dick, as he lovingly removed the fellow's arms and got a chance to breathe some pure air. "Thwell Mand-hic-misther, they had-hic-thfound Barton?" Of course, this was news to Dick, and he wanted to know where and when the village-builder was captured. "Hic-at Midlothian, fishing-hic-for suckers-hic," and the wag ambled away. While in the midst of telling another story Dick's fun-making was cut short by Conductor Dudley Rudd appearing and calling for tickets. Dick felt in his pocket for his ticket, but it wasn't there. He rummaged into another and another until the whole list was gone through, and he started on the second heat when the conductor exclaimed, "Make haste, make haste; haven't got all day to wait." By this time Dick's terra-cotta complexion had turned to a beautiful lily-white shade, and he was as nervous as a sweet sixthis time Dick's terra-cotta complexion had turned to a beautiful hily-white shade, and he was as nervous as a sweet sixteener at her first german. "Ticket, money, or get off" yelled the conductor, as he winked at me, and put his hand on the bell-cord—Oh, Mis-Mist-Mister Con-Con-Conductor, Dud-Dudley, don't putput me off, I bought a ticket. Gave the ticket agent \$5 bill and 5 cents, and he gave me \$4.50 back. See here," and he whibited the coin. "But I don't think he gave me my ticket. Surely you don't want me to pay again?" and Dick's under lip began to quiver. "That's a lame old yarn, Mr. Mandetsree, and won't work. Ticket or money." By this time Dick was thoroughly ratifed, and as he counted his \$4.50 over and over again, and tried to explain how he paid for the ticket, tears trickled down his roseate cheeks, and his great frame quiwered as though he had an ague. Dick didn't teil any more jokes that evening, and I don't know how he finally arranged it with the conductor.

BILL GOSSETTE.

Chandler in a Novel Role.

(Boston Herald.)

The anomaly to which we have before referred in the case of certain politicians contesting for the presidency is continued yet further, when William E. Chandler appears in the field as the champion for pure politics. Chandler is troubled, because he fears that McKinley is to take the presidency by other than proper means—Chandler, whose career in presidential politics dates back to the winter of 1876-77, and has been followed on a consistent line ever since. The concern for fairness in political methods, which began with Quay and Platt, is, in an overtmpulsive way, shared in by their associate, who has latest entered the field. They doubtless smile among themselves as they contemplate Chandler's latest move. (Boston Herald.)

Presents for the Queen.

As Empress of India, Queen Victoria frequently receives gifts of great value and artistic interest from the imperial feudatories there. In the case of the Maharajah of Cashmere the treaty made by Lord Hardings with Golab Singh after the first Sikh war specially secured tribute in the form of priceless shawls, wool, and goats of the true breed, But the articles just dispatched from Bombay by the Ameer of Afghanistan to be presented to her Majesty exceed in value anything of the kind that has ever reached the Crown. They are valued at 13 lakhs of rupees, or £130,000 at par.

ATHENS OF VIRGINIA.

THE NEWS IN AND AROUND CLAS-SICAL LEXINGTON.

Washington and Lee University Notes-A Good Exhibit-The First Blood-Call Extended-Jackson Me morial Hall-Personal Points.

LEXINGTON, VA., March 28,-(Spe cial.)-The catalogue of the Washington and Lee University for the session of 1895-'96 is now being sent out by the most marked exhibit. The total enrolment shows 220 students; this being an increase of nine over the number present last year. One hundred of the number come from Virginia. Last session the law school had fifty-six in it; this session it numbers sixty-eight, and s larger by three members than that of any other session. This increase is from Virginia. In the catalogue are also to be found the regulations regarding the entrance examinations, which will be necessary in the future to enter the University, and which are published for the first time. These regulations do not go fully into effect until the session of 1897-53. At that time and thereafter all the candidates for admission to the academic and the engineering depart-ments will have to stand examinations ments will have to stand examinations in English, history, and geography, and all students who propose to enter the schools of mathematics, Latin, and Greek will have to stand satisfactorily prescribed examinations on the subjects taught in these schools. Students who apply to enter the schools of mathematics and Latin for the session of 1884 or mit. Latin for the session of 1896-'97 have to stand entrance examinations in these subjects. The preparatory class in these departments will cease to exist with the close of the present season, and the one in Greek will continue for one more session.

FIRST BLOOD.

At the recent meeting of the Repubdrawn. A stove-pipe gave way and fell. inflicting a scalp-wound on the head of Mr. W. Hank Shaw, the secretary

of the Republican County Committee.

The April term of the County Cours is one of the regular terms at which the is one of the regular terms at which the grand jury sits. The following jurors were drawn: W. T. Moore, J. W. Bare, C. T. Seebert, Franklin Linkswiler, D. E. Pierce, W. N. Bell, Adam Swink, John W. Saville, J. R. McCormick, C. P. Green, J. W. Bell, and Joseph C. Beard. They meet the first day of the

Heard. They meet the first any of the term—Monday. April 6th.

A called meeting of the supervisors of the county will be held at the courthouse on Tuesday, March 31st, for the purpose of considering the advisability of erecting a court-house, thus avoiding the supervisor the cuestion to a voice. putting the question to a vote. the general talk of the country they would vote against the h of a new court-house, and many of the town voters would assist them in down-ing the scheme. The general impression is that the supervisors are afraid to take the responsibility of ordering the ad-ditional expense, as 'it will somewhat affect their election to office in the fu-

The spring examinations are now in progress at Washington and Lea. The Creuit Court has granted a charter of incorporation to the "Chantanqua of the Mountains." at Goshen, Va. CALL EXTENDED.

The congregation of the Presbyterian church here has extended a unanimous call to Rev. Dr. Thornton C. Whaling. Dr. Whaling is at present Professor of Homiletics, in the Southwestern Theological Seminary, at Clarksville, Tenn.

man, of the Withrow Lumber Company, authorities of that institution, and a com- are now in town, engaged upon com-parison with the one of last year makes | pleting the plans for the interior work on the Jackson Memorial Hall, at the Virginia Military Institute. The con-tract for this work will be let in a short time and work begun. short time and work begun.

The Executive Committee on Foreign
Missions of the Southern Presbyterian
Church has appointed Miss Mary McGorkle Wilson, of Collierstown, and
daughter of the late Samuel Wilson, of

this county, a missionary to Brazil, PERSONAL. Mr. R. Harvey McElwee, of Chicago. Mr. R. Harvey McElwee, of Chicago, is visiting his parents, Dr. and Mrs. W. M. McElwee, of Pockbridge Baths, Mr. McElwee, who is a successful business-man of Chicago, is a native of Lex-

Moreland are attending the meeting of the Baltimore Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at Roancke. Professor Moreland is one of the four

ay delegates to the conference from Roa-loke District.

Frank Bayliss, of Lexington, has been Frank Bayliss, of Lexington, has been appointed Adams Express-messenger on the North-River Branch of the Chesapeake and Ohio railroad, to succeed Mr. H. Shannon, who has been promoted to the main line.

Rev. Dr. H. J. McBryde, rector of Grace-Memorial Episcopal church, who

has been ill for some time, has recovered has been ill for some time, has recovered enough to occupy his pulpit.

Mrs. John M. Quisenberry and her daughter, Miss Bessie Quisenberry, and Miss Maude Wright, are visiting friends in Salem.

Mrs. S. F. Carson, of Spottswood, Va., is the guest of Mrs. E. H. Barchy.

Commonwealth's-Attorney Robert Cat-lett spent the past week in Charlotte county, on legal business. Joseph A. Glasgow, Esq., of the Staunton Bar, is in town,

ANNUAL REPORTS

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Already the farmers have commenced to make their annual reports of the bad wheat crop. They say that the recent cold weather has very much damaged the wheat in this section, and that in most localities only a half crop was planted. Coupling the two facts together, there will be no wheat crop to speak of in this county this year; but, in the end, we may look for a reasonable crop, just as in any other year.

The law students of the Washington and Lee University have been hard at work for the past week, preparing themselves for a wrestle with one of Dean J. R. Tucker's examinations, and just how many will survive the test it would be hard to say.

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MYSTERY OF THE MAGYARS.

They Have Been Turks, and Anyway Were Warlike Nomads. (Vienna Dispatch in the London Times.)

In connection with the approaching mil-ennium exhibition, Professor Vambery, of the Budapest University, delivered a lecture here on the origin and development of the Magyar race, to which he has for many years devoted special study. Professor Vambery began by stating that there was a scarcity of trustworthy historical evidence relative to the earliest origin of the Hungarian nation. All that was known on the subject had been derived from a Byzantine and an of the Budapest University, delivered

Mr. Hugh McCleur, of near Summers, this county, has two ewes with remarkable records as mothers. One recently gave birth to four lambs, and all of them are now living and doing well, two of them being nursed by the mother. The other ewe has in the past thirteen months given birth to six lambs—twins three times.

Mr. J. Scott Moore has been to be the more active to the six lambs—twins the six lambs—twins

by Mr. Wells A. Sherman, State Statistical Agent, of the Department of Agriculture, Washington, that he has been appointed County Statistical Agent, to make monthly reports on crops and conditions for the county of Rockbridge. The position is an honorary one, no pay being attached to it.

Hon. A. F. Withrow and J. C. Newments which had become resident in Hun. titached to it.

Hon. A. F. Withrow and J. C. Newman, of the Withrow Lumber Company, gary, constituted the Hungarian nation For centuries the Magyar mi tinued to rule over the non-Magyar ma jority by sheer force of their warlike an governing characteristics. By the aid of their liberal institutions and the hespi-tality which they extended to foreigners tality which they extended to foreigners
they succeeded in maintaining their supremacy through all vicissitudes. From
these Asiatic nomads the present Hungarian nation descended.
Professor Vambery then went on to say
that Hungary had invariably formed an
neurmountable barrier against the barbarism of the East. Had it not been for

the stubborn resistance offered by the Christian armies of Hungary to the in roads of Turkish hordes, the progress and civilization of Western and Centra Europe would have been retarded for hundreds of years. Indeed, it could be said that Hungary had acted as the sentinel of western civilization, but, in consequence of its being in perpetual readiness for war, the intellectual condition of the war, the intellectual condition of the country had remained behind. During the past two centuries this had been remedied, and in all respects the progress and development of the nation had been remarkable. At the beginning of the pres-

markable. At the beginning of the present century the Magyar population of Hungary numbered only about 3,000,000. To-day it exceeds 8,000,000.

There is scarcely any trace left of his Asiatic extraction in the modern Magyar. He still retains, however, those liberal, generous, and chivairous traits which assisted him in conquering the various non-Magyar elements of the country, and which have given him that extraordinary nower of absorption by means of which power of absorption by means of which a mere handful of Asiatic wanderers have gradually grown into a powerful nation which is about to celebrate the one-thou-sandth anniversary of its existence. An account of the new fire-proof pape

prepared by L. Frobeen, of Berlin, shows the production of a valuable article for industrial and other purposes. Ninety-five parts of asbestos fibre of the best quality are washed in a solution of permanganate of calcium and then treated with sulphuric acid, the fibre being thus bleached. Af-ter treating the fibre in this manner, five parts of ground wood pulp are added, and ter treating the fibre in this manner, five parts of ground wood pulp are added, and the entire mass placed in the agitating box, with an addition of lime water and borax. After being thoroughly mixed the material is pumped into a regulating box and allowed to flow out of a gate into an endless wire cloth, where it enters the usual paper-making machinery. Paper produced in this way, it is reported, will resist even the direct influence of a flame, and may be placed in a white heat with impunity. Ordinary paper may be made fire-proof by treating it with a fluid consisting of thirty-three parts manganate of chloride, twenty parts of orthophosphoric acid, twelve parts carbonate of magnesia, ten parts borie acid, and twenty-five parts chloride of ammonia in one quart of water; this solution is applied several times, and paper saturated with it will resist great heat and the direct influence of flame for some time.

flame for some time. The Unkindest Cut of All,

The Unkindest Cut of All, as Shakespeare says, is to poke fun or sneer at people who are nervous, under the half-belief that their complaint is imaginary, or an affectation. It is neither, but a serious reality. Imperfect digestion and assimilation of 'he food is a very common cause of nervousness, especially that distressing form of it which manifests itself in want of sipep. Hostetter's Stomach Bitters specially ramedies nervousness, as it also does madrial, kidney, billous, and rheumatic ailments. The weak gain vigor speedily through its use.

AFTON, VA., March 27.-The Virginia Legislature accomplished other good things the past session, besides posing for the photographers, notably the bill inshiting the killing of particides.

othing created lacks a mission, and I elleve Plato points the truth in four yords: "Whatever is, is right." It really words; "Whatever is, is right." It reasy needs all the sustaining power of optimistic literature to find out why the sheep-killing dog was created. He belongs to the species that was biank-versed as "every dog has his day," and if our legislators would look at his mission in the past tense sheep-raisers would rejoice.

This particular dog has had entirely too many days for good luck. I doubt if this may not also apply to other specimens of may not also apply to other specimens of the race, for it is a grave question whether any or all of the possible uses for dogs will offset the injuries that come from them. Before thieves and burgiars became expert in handling poisons, a class of canines were useful as watch-dogs, but that dog has had his day, though quite a number are still kept chained in back-yards to bay at the moon.

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SUPPOSED ECONOMIC VALUE.

When entire business-houses are given over to dogs' furnishings, I suppose they have an economic value in commerce. In wealthler classes dogs are given Turkish baths; they have their own soaps, brushes, and perfumes; sleep on eiderdown cushions, and eat dainty food off fine service until the phrase "treated like a dog" is out of date. And so are many dogs. Fashions change in dogs kept for pets, just as they change for every other whim. The spitz was formerly the favorite, then the pug and the Scotch had each his day. The latest fad seems to be a cross between the three, and a kind of composite canine in temper. He is steel in color and constitution, and a bit strong-minded as becomes the pet of the new mistress. I saw him in Washington, tagged with his price, \$150-and I left him there. Tobe Quick, I knew, had his twin brother-for ugilness-up here at his cabin on the mountain, and would swap him any day for a plug of tobacco or a hame-string. This new dog-star has a long, buil body, squat legs, a coat as wiry as a colchesbrush, and no more manners than a pig in a parior. He may develop the high-bred caprices of a society dog in time, but at present he doesn't care for flattery and caresses, and had rather nose around a rat-hole than lie upon the softest cushions, no matter how chic the bows.

There are dogs and dogs. Yet, however, the wolf in him may crop out. To every dog, even to the least little mongrei cur, has been given the highest attribute known to man-be is faithful. I mistrust SUPPOSED ECONOMIC VALUE

POINTS AS TO DOGS.

the man who has to tie his dog up to keep him at home, or the woman who whips hers to compel obedience.

THE LEGISLATURE AND THE SHEEP-KILLING ANIMAL.

Day of the Watcher Over—The Fashionable Canine and His Traits—

The Mastiff—Some Ancient and Present Superstitions.

(Correspondence of the Dispatch.)

AFTON VA. March 27—The Virginia MANY SUPERSTITIONS.

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that the source is unknown. In Swedish legends Garm is the death-dog, which much needed, and gives great satisfaction to country people. Though the coveys left are small and so few in numbers that the little broods are known and watched on some of our farms, the reprieve will give poor "Bob White" a chance to extend his family name, while it relegates the reckless sportsmen back to a ress toothsome diet of meat and bread. However, the meat is also endangered. French folk have a way of saying "revenous a nos moritous," but no some day, not far distant, we may be unable to follow this, literally, unless our solons pass a dog-law. There are few weeks that the killing of lambs by dogs might not be chronicled, and a single vicious dog of a neighborhood has been known to destroy over fifty sheep in a single season.

The evidence of wise men shows us that nothing created lacks a mission, and I believe Plato points the truth in four

chase.
I do not know if this is what is I do not know if this is what is meant by making "Rome howl," but the Latins, with all their bravery, were not above these squeamish apprehensions. The records make mention of the extraordinary howling of dogs before the sedition of Rome, and before the civil wars between Augustus and Antonius, and are pretty unanimous in according to the dog a knowledge of the terrible Garm and his uncanny business. I guess if our legisuncanny business. I guess if our legis-lators had to sit upon this dog the bill would go through at the first reading.

LOOKING FOR THE LAMB. We are looking for the lamb that is going out with March (as the windy menth "came in like a lion"), but that isn't the Lamb some of the politicians are after. The old-time mossbacks and barnacles of the Republicans are moving upon this Lamb with a solid front, as far as this end of Nelson is concerned. The apple crop of 1896 will probably reach the end of shipment this week. Misses I. B. Hays and Sue D. Womble, of "Chestnut Ridge," were in town Friday.

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Mrs. Lutie Turner and sister, Miss Lena Williams, of Avon, are visiting Miss Cora Lynn, of Gordonsville.

Rev. Ed. Lipscomb, of New York, is at "Redlands," the home of his father.

for a short visit.

Dr. Forest Williams's new residence rapidly approaching completion. It is the Queen Anne style, and will be thandsomest residence in this end of t

A useful article for the woman who stays at home and writes all day is a black apron completely enveloping her gown. It protects her gown from ink er other soil, and may be easily thrown aside when the busy woman is suddenly called from her work.

be sure and use that old and well-tried remedy, Mrs. Winslow's Soothing-Syrup for children teething. It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays all pain cures wind-colic, and is the best remedy for diarrhoes. Twenty-five cents a bot-